

Nova Scotia White

Grape	History/Origin	Character	Style	Notes
L'Acadie Blanc	Uniquely Nova Scotian, this grape was produced in Ontario but named here in Nova Scotia by Roger Dial, one of the pioneers of our wine industry.	Can range from fresh grass aromas to dry hay with a nice mineral quality on the taste.	Usually produces medium bodied, richly textured wines with a wonderful backbone of acidity. A versatile grape that adapts very well to many wine-making techniques.	
Seyval Blanc	Created by a French grape hybridizer Seyve-Villard. This grape is also grown through-out the Eastern United States, and England.	Predominant citrus fruits and a mineral quality that is common in both aroma and taste.	This grape produces wines that are generally lean and have a crisp acidity. This is a great cool climate alternative grape to Sauvignon Blanc	
Muscat (New York Muscat)	This grape was developed at Cornell University in Geneva, NY. The berries of this grape are actually reddish skinned and often wines made from this grape have a lovely pink hue to them.	Intensely aromatic, typical of Muscat varieties. Typically displays rich tropical fruit and pink grapefruit aroma and flavours.	The wines made from this grape in Nova Scotia range from luscious sweet wines to full, spicy dry wines to delicious sparkling wines.	
Vidal Blanc	This grape is perfectly suited for our cold climate and intense winters. This grape made Nova Scotia wine history back in 1999, when Jost was awarded top wine in all of Canada for their Vidal Ice-wine.	Here is Nova Scotia wine made from this grape tend to have pleasant fruit notes of apples, pears and citrus fruit.	This grape tends to ripen with high sugar levels along with good acid levels making it our top grape for ice-wine production.	
Geisenheim	Created at the infamous grape breeding institute in Geisenheim, Germany. Where such grapes as Muller-Thurgau were also developed.	An interesting grape with some similar traits as the noble Riesling grape. Presents itself as fruit driven with zesty citrus character.	Fresh and crisp with mid weight this grape is primarily made into table wine in nova Scotia but is also used for blending.	

Other Hybrids to keep your eye out for: Cayuga, Frontanac Gris, Frontanac Blanc, Osceola Muscat, Petite Milo, Traminette, Siegfried

Chardonnay	The world's most recognized grape variety. It is a grape that is greatly influenced by the climate in which it is grown. Therefore it is produced in a diversity of styles throughout every wine region in the world.	This grape grown in Nova Scotia produces clean and crisp wines. Aromas of green apple dominate with a wonderful mineral edge.	Used to produce wonderful age worthy table wines and also one of the star grapes used to produce traditional method sparkling wines.	
Ortega	This is a cross between well-known German grapes Muller-Thurgau and Siegerrebe and is actually named after a Spanish Philosopher.	Lovely and aromatic in character this grape produces wines that are slightly floral on the nose, with hints of peaches and stone fruit.	Used as a grape for Ice-wine production but also made into delightful dry table wines. The grape is also used as a blender.	
Riesling	Native of Germany, France (Alsace), Eastern Europe, Northern Italy and cooler climates in New World	Can produce powerful wines of superb quality & elegance. Flavours and aromas of green apple, lime, apricot, peach, honey and petrol.	Wines range from delicate, dry and light bodied to very sweet, full bodied dessert wines.	

Other Vinifera to keep your eye out for: Scheurebe, Siegerrebe, Kékfrankos, Chasslas, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc

Nova Scotia Red

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Marechal Foch	This grape was initially developed in Alsace, France as was named after a French field marshal of the first world war. The grape is thought to have been initially introduced in Canada in the mid-1940's.	Dark berry fruit aromas and ripe cherry. An earthy or gamy quality on the nose can also present itself.	Wine made from this grape in Nova Scotia range from light, soft and fruity to bold, big and oak aged. Always with with great acidity Marechal Foch is a wonderful food wine.	
Leon Millot	Genetically derived from the same crossing as Marechal Foch and is often used in Alsace to increase the colour intensity of red wine.	Produces a predominant fruit driven wine with often aromas and or flavours of chocolate.	This grape is used to make light, off-dry rose wine to medium bodied, fruit filled, dry wines. Some are even aged for short times in oak barrels.	
Lucie Kuhlmann	This is another grape developed by Eugene Kuhlmann in Alsace, France and genetically linked to Marechal Foch and Leon Millot.	Usually intense in colour and berry fruit driven. Also lends itself to earthy, smoky and herbaceous qualities.	Similar to Foch and Millot this grape gets made into a range of wine styles in Nova Scotia and is also often used as a blending wine.	
Baco Noir	At one time this grape was commonly found growing in France. Now you will find this grape more commonly grown in regions of the US and Canada.	Produces wine deeply pigmented with aromas of plums and red berry fruit common.	Usually made into full wines of good structure here in Nova Scotia that benefit from some oak aging.	
Cabernet Foch	Just as it sounds, this grape is a cross between Marechal Foch and Cabernet Sauvignon created by Swiss grape breeder Valentin Blattner.			
Marquette	Showing promise here in Nova Scotia this is a grape hailing from the University of Minnesota.			

Triomphe d'Alsace	Another grape we have Eugene Kuhlmann to thank for.		Often described as Gamay-like	
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Other Hybrids to keep your eyes out for: De Chaunac, Marchal Joffre,

Pinot Noir	The famous and prized red grape of Burgundy, France. But not all things great a perfect as this grape can be both a challenge to grow and make wine from often referred to as "the heartbreak" grape.	When grown in cooler climates such as ours the wine exhibits soft fruit aromas with a slight earthiness.	Usually light bodied wine with soft tannins and a good acidity. This grape is also grown to produce the internationally recognized sparkling wines.	
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Other Vinifera to keep your eyes out for: Cabernet Franc, Pinot Meunier, Gamay Noir, Dornfelder